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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 (erroneously labeled as 1-27) were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant canceled Claims 13-30 without prejudice, and added new Claims 31-56. Accordingly, Claims 1-12 and 31-56 are presented herein for examination.

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Note Regarding Claim Numbering

The Examiner has pointed out that the last three previously pending claims (originally labeled Claims 25-27) were incorrectly numbered, and should instead have been numbered Claims 28-30. By this paper, Applicant has cancelled all of these claims, rendering this objection moot. However, for consistency, Applicant has begun the numbering of the new claims (discussed below) at 31 (i.e., according to the correct numbering scheme).

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Restriction Election

As noted above, Applicant herein elects the invention of Group I for further prosecution.

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New Claims

By this paper, Applicant has added new Claims 31-56. Support for these new claims is replete throughout Applicant's specification, and hence no new matter has been added.

Moreover, Applicant submits that each of these new claims relates to the elected Group I invention, and are properly examined therewith.

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Applicant believes that each of these new claims is both novel and non-obvious over the art of record, and defines patentable subject matter.

Other Remarks

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

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Applicant notes that any claim cancellations or additions made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention and responding to the aforementioned restriction election, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of

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the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such cancellations or additions.


Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a given claim or claims are limited solely to such claim or claims.

5 If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (858) 675-1670.

10. Respectfully submitted,

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